

ANXIOUS TO BEGIN WORK

Contractor Davis Says Delay in Paving is Costly.

TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

No Brick Can Be Laid Until Alsop & Pierce Begin Curbing—Unfavorable Weather Excuse Will Be Attacked as Worthless.

When the highways and sewers committee of the city council meets tonight in regular session, Mr. J. W. Davis, who has the contract for laying Peabody block on most of the streets to be paved under the last bond issue, will appear to ask for information as to when he is to be allowed to fulfill his contract. The paving contracts were signed over a month ago, and Mr. Davis is getting tired of waiting for instructions to begin work. He states that he has some material here and a great deal more on the road and that every day of delay now costs him money.

Messrs. Alsop & Pierce, who have the contract for laying concrete curb and gutter in connection with the new paving, have delayed starting work on the ground that the weather has been unfavorable. As no paving can be laid until the curbs have been made a start, Mr. Davis, as well as the Washington Block, Asphalt and Tile Company, cannot make a move as long as Alsop & Pierce hold off.

Mr. Davis will contend before the meeting that during the past week or more the weather has been fine and that there is no good reason why the work of putting down curbing should not be well under way. He probably will demand that steps be taken to compel the curbers to begin operations in order that his work may not be held up any longer.

Several of the council committees are scheduled to hold regular meetings tonight.

BIBLE CLASS REORGANIZES.

Constitution and By-Laws Adopted by Presbyterian Seniors.

The members of the Senior Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Sunday school met in the office of the church last night and effected a complete reorganization, adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing officers. The officers were chosen as follows:

Teacher—W. J. Hughes.
President—W. H. Rohrbach.
Vice president—W. J. A. Cumming.
Enrollment secretary—Wm. Giegie.
Corresponding secretary—James A. Sommerville.

Treasurer—Wm. H. Erush.
Chairman of committees—Archibald Shankland, membership; W. J. A. Cumming, devotional; Edward J. Patton, social; Charles White, employment.

All members of the old class are expected to attend the meetings on Sunday morning, and an active canvass for new members will be inaugurated at once. It is announced that all men, whether or not they are affiliated with the Sunday school or church are invited to attend. Mr. Hughes is regarded as one of the best Bible class teachers in the city.

Woman Jailed.

Gertrude DeLeon, a woman who was arrested some time ago on the charge of being out of good fame and who was released upon her promise that she would leave the city at once for Boston, was in the police court again yesterday. She was committed to jail for six months.

Social-Personal

Mrs. William Taylor entertained the Booklovers Bridge Whist Club Wednesday afternoon at her home in North End. Mrs. John Mattingly won the club prize, and the visitor's prize was awarded to Mrs. Pressey of Hampton. Those playing were Mrs. William L. Cooke, Mrs. J. B. Pressey, Mrs. Frank Hooper, Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. John Mattingly, Mrs. Willard Bailey, Mrs. Edward Roberts, Mrs. J. A. Hayes, Mrs. H. B. Bailey, Mrs. Charles Bartlett, Mrs. Frederick B. Palen, Mrs. James L. Street, Mrs. Walter B. Livezey, Mrs. C. Cornelius, Mrs. J. R. Sprague and Mrs. Richard Walker, and Mrs. H. J. Pressey, of Hampton.

Mrs. Newton Vaughn, of Richmond, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones.

Dr. D. Wendell Games, of New York, is visiting his brother, Mr. W. W. Games, on the Boulevard.

Miss Gertrude Robertson left yesterday for her home in James City county, after a visit to the Misses Robertson in this city.

Miss Bessie Powell of Lynchburg is visiting Miss Frances Harrison on Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Sadie Graham left yesterday for Roanoke to visit relatives.

The Wednesday Social Club was entertained this week by Mrs. Sot Tischer on Chestnut avenue.

Miss Katherine Meredith, of Portsmouth, left yesterday for her home, after a visit to Mrs. P. N. Harper, on Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Maria Pieman has returned from a visit to her sister in Baltimore.

Mrs. William C. Haldeman has returned from a visit to Bluefield, W. Va. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Richard Noonan who will visit relatives here and in Hampton.

Miss Nellie Wilson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Walter W. Allison, on Twenty-eighth street, has returned to her home in Petersburg.

Vaudeville and Pictures

Audiences that taxed the capacity of the house gathered at the Bell theater last night to see the new show, which the management had promised would be one of the best of the season. All of the crowds demonstrated their approval of the performances by hearty applause.

The Wren Trio headed the bill and got the biggest share of applause. This team, composed of two singing and dancing girls and a blackface comedian, makes things lively on the stage for about half an hour. Some clever rifle shooting is introduced by one of the girls, and the act closes with the introduction of a couple of tag-punching bull dogs.

Billy Jones, in a comedy musical sketch, furnishes some pleasing music and manages to get a share of the laughs.

Several new pictures, including "The Scar," a beautifully colored film were shown last night. Tonight the feature picture will be "A Romance of Old Madrid," one of Edison's latest. The picture tells of the love of a famous Spanish bull fighter for a peasant maid.

AT THE ACADEMY

The next attraction at the Academy of Music will be the Dandie Dixie Minstrels, an aggregation of negro performers, headed by Willie Kersands the dusky comedian who has been successful in the laughmaking business almost as long as the theatergoers of this generation can remember.

The Dandie Dixie Minstrels will be at the Academy next Monday for matinee and night performances. For both performances the management will reserve the balcony for the colored patrons.

"The Mirror," the new confectionery store at the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-eighth street, was opened for business yesterday. Wednesday the store was thrown open for the reception of the public, and drinks were served without charge at the soda fountain. Pretty souveniers were distributed among the ladies.

A Horrible Cold-Up.
"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be 'hopeless consumption,' writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, D. C. 'He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery, and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today.' It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, LaGrippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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A PUBLIC CELEBRATION

High School Literary Society

Entertains Large Crowd.

IN HONOR OF GRADUATING CLASS

Commencement of Class of February, 1909, Comes to Close Tonight With Final Exercises at the Academy of Music—The Program.

Before an audience that taxed the capacity of the assembly hall of the high school building, the literary society of that institution held their semi-annual public celebration last night in honor of the graduating class, rendering a varied program in a manner that was pleasing to all present. Many friends of the graduating class were present besides nearly all of the students and faculty of the school. All of the numbers were applauded frequently during the evening.

The following was the order of exercises:
Opening Remarks... President Ben no F. Heath.
Instrumental Solo... Miss Ella Seull.
Recitation... Miss Jamie Messie.
Vocal Solo... Miss Bessie Hudson.
Declaration—"Washington"... Mr. Harvey Cooke.

Recitation... Miss Ruth Ford.
Recitation... Miss Margaret Holt.
Vocal Solo... Miss Louise Carter.
Orations—"The Exile of Napoleon"... Mr. Nelson Overton.
Violin Solo... Miss Goldie Reifeld.
Recitation... Mr. Alvin Jernigan.
Vocal Solo... Miss Alpha Clements.
Instrumental Duo... Misses Davis and Duxton.

Reading... Mr. William Scott.
Recitation... Miss Myrtle Phipps.
High School Song... Students.
Commencement Tonight.

The final exercises for the class of February, 1909, which will be held at the Academy of Music tonight will close the semi-annual commencement.

The program for the exercises is as follows:
Invocation... Rev. L. T. Wilson, DD.
Address of Welcome... Mr. W. E. Pickett, president of the school board.
Music... Smidt's Orchestra.
Salutatory... Miss Lucille Ramsey.
Music... Smidt's Orchestra.
Class Essay... Mr. Fenne F. Heath.
Annual Address... Mr. O. D. Batchelor.
Music... Smidt's Orchestra.
Valedictory... Miss Marie Turner.
Presentation of Diplomas... Mr. C. A. left Ashby.
Music... Smidt's Orchestra.
Benedictions... Rev. L. T. Wilson, DD.

C. P. TAFT DENIES.

Declares Charges by Congressman Rainey Without Grounds.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Charles P. Taft has entered a vigorous denial in connection with the charges of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, that he was in any way identified with the Panama canal purchase.

In a telegram to Mr. Rainey, today, Mr. Taft declares as unfounded the statements associating him with the transaction.

It was Mr. Rainey's purpose to read the telegram and make an explanation in the House today, but as no opportunity was offered him to do so, he will present the matter tomorrow.

OWNERS WILL FIX PROPERTY

Officials Take No Action Concerning Objectionable Buildings.

Three dilapidated frame buildings on Huntington avenue between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets were examined by a party of officials, including Chief Stow, of the fire department, Chief of Police Reynolds, City Engineer Pearce and City Attorney Massie, yesterday afternoon. The buildings, which are unoccupied, were found to be in a very bad state of repair, and as they were erected before the incorporation of the city, they have porches extending over the building line in violation of the law.

The officials conferred with the agents for the owners of the property, and as a promise was given to put the buildings into proper shape, no action was taken by the officials.

Surprise Party.

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Miss Julia Howard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard on Orcutt avenue last night. Among those present were Misses Julia Howard, Mattie Robertson, Maud Kellum, Sallie Abdell, Beatrice Mason, Hallie Thomas, Maud Wherry, Mary Hogg, Carrie Thomas, Ethel Heath, Mrs. O. E. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard, and Messrs. C. K. Messick, J. E. Tabb, J. T. Falcner, Ira A. Hogg, W. G. Morris, R. C. Minter, Frank Williams, W. T. Abdell and Leon Miles.

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Although there is nothing more difficult of attainment by an unskilled modiste than the arrangement of a one-piece guimpe and sleeve, fashion continues to advocate this style of dress, probably for the very reason it has proved more or less impossible for the great majority. No fashion is more delightfully becoming when it is correctly carried out, and none more to be avoided when there is doubt of the perfection of the artistry to be expended upon it. As shown in our



One-Piece Guimpe and Sleeves.

illustration the fabric to be used is also of paramount importance in determining whether the guimpe is to be made with seamless shoulders or not. A delicate lace, figured net chiffon and similar fabrics are suitable for the seamless guimpe and sleeve, but a stiff fabric, even a heavy lace which does not drape well, is disappointing for this purpose, no matter how beautiful in quality or design. A tight, hard effect over the shoulders is entirely out of place with this shape bodice. When properly carried out the high-waisted empire frock is more graceful in effect when completed with this sort of draped bodice than with any other. The draping effect which it gives to the shoulders is particularly harmonious with the empire lines.

THAT BROWN LINE AGAIN.

Try Powdered Pumice Stone to Remove Marks of Sun.

The girl who has been struggling vainly during the fall with the dingy brown line on the neck, the result of too much sun or too tight collars, should not despair until she has tried pumice stone.

If rubbing the stone and soapy water on the neck each time it is washed is too hard for the skin, try mixing powdered pumice with grease.

Put cold cream on a piece of fine cambric, cover it with powdered pumice and rub lightly but firmly on the neck. Finish the process by washing with a lather of fine white soap.

Should even the powdered pumice irritate the skin, rub the neck, after the washing, with a little cold cream.

Emollient for the Hands.

One of the best emollients for the hands, which should be used during the cold days of winter, is that of honey and oatmeal. Curious as the combination appears, it is an old-fashioned remedy, which was once strongly believed in, the meal acting as an efficient cleanser in addition to its softening qualities. To make a ball of the two ingredients, which can be rubbed over the back of the hands, it is usually necessary to add a little olive oil, while a few drops of rose-water, or if a still more distinct perfume is desired, oil of geranium or attar of roses, give it a delicate fragrance.

Use for Old Gown.

Many an old-fashioned satin evening gown is lying by considered hopeless, yet such a frock has wondrous possibilities. It will probably have a perfectly plain skirt, with or without a train. Anyway, it will be only the right length in the front, so as to bring it up to date. Cut the skirt off a foot above the hem and insert a deep band of flut lace.

This will make it possible to bring the skirt above the waist line. The old-fashioned waist will provide sufficient material for draping a blouse or flut net or lace.

Trimnings for the Neck.

There are many good neck trimmings, chief among which will be found the tiny thick ruches of tulle, followed by narrow plaited ones of silk, heading silk stocks worn under fragile lace collars. Smart dressers are wearing quilted ones like the Watteau ruche, and on evening dress will be found a cleverly arranged ruche of small flowers mounted on tulle.

Revival of Spanish Flounce.

A good many of the new models show the return of the simple and attractive Spanish flounce or skirts. This has come about from the demand for easy fullness.

This flounce, from its depth and its close caress, gives a great chance to put the material around the feet in swirling folds.

SENATE COMMITTEE OPPOSES AMENDMENT

Believes Sherman Anti-Trust Law is a Model Statute—Change Would Be Unwise.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Senator Nelson, on behalf of the committee on the judiciary, has presented a report to the senate recommending indefinite postponement of the bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law. After giving many reasons why the law should not be changed at this time, the report says:

"To amend the anti-trust act, as suggested by this bill would be to entirely emasculate it, and for all practical purposes render it nugatory as a remedial statute."

"Criminal prosecutions would not lie, and civil remedies would labor under the greatest doubt and uncertainty. The act as it exists is clear, comprehensive, certain and highly remedial."

RELATIONS RUPTURED.

Chile Withdraws Her Minister from Capital of Peru.

(By Associated Press.)
VALPARAISO, CHILE, Jan. 28.—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Chile and Peru signified by the withdrawal of Senor J. M. Echenique, the Chilean minister at Lima, has aroused more or less excitement here and the old animosities between the two countries dating back to the war of 1879 and the consequent acquisition of the Peruvian provinces of Tacna and Arica by Chile have to a certain extent been revived.

It is believed here this morning that the Chilean squadron now in the straits of Magellan has been ordered north.

The difficulty between Chile and Peru came to general notice when the Peruvian government a few months ago refused to permit Chile, represented by Senor Echenique, to place a tablet on the monument erected by Peru to the memory of her soldiers who lost their lives in the war of 1879.

Senor Echenique was then recalled and he passed through Arica, Chile, on his way home yesterday.

The action of Peru is regarded as a rebuff to the friendly advances of Chile, but the controversy is entirely diplomatic and has not yet assumed a serious or threatening aspect.

REPUBLICANS UNITED.

Democratic Senators Are Expected to Oppose Brownsville Amendment.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—It was asserted on the floor of the senate today that all of the Republican members of this body would support the Brownsville amendment if port the Brownsville amendment if Senator Foraker succeeds in getting this question taken up tomorrow.

There will be considerable opposition to the amendment on the Democratic side of the chamber, and many sharp colloquies are anticipated over the race question.

The amendment proposes that any of the discharged negro soldiers may be restored to service in the army if, after investigation by a commission of five general officers of the army, it was no evidence is found proving that they were involved in the Brownsville affray.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Brave-hearted blossoms that rejoice the bee.

When asters droop, when golden-rod is dead,

When oak-leaves clinging late upon the tree

Have changed for russet their Autumnal red,

Come, leave my northern garden's dreary pale!

For threats of killing frost pervades the air;

Together, we shall face November's gale.

And gift his snowflakes through our tawny hair.

We've shared the best delights, full-bosomed flowers—

Free air, wide sky, the song of winds that pass,

The still of noon, the heartening rush of showers,

The gleigh-bell chime of crickets in the grass.

We've drunk the strength of earth, the calm of night,

The golden joy of sunshine from above.

And now in Autumn's chill and Winter's blight,

We'll yield that joy again to those we love.

—Arthur Guiterman, in the February "Everybody's."

Stole Silk Skirts

Henry Jackson, a negro, was given six months in jail by Justice Brown in the police court yesterday for stealing five silk skirts from the delivery wagon of Meyers Brothers' department store.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Mason, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up this, pale, weak children of run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at all druggists.

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